

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### MR. PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 117, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

- 1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2       paragraph and insert:
- 3       "SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-1999,
- 4       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 5       UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter:
- 6       (1) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a year
- 7       through August 31 of the next succeeding year.
- 8       (2) "Approved institution of higher learning" means the
- 9       following:
- 10       (A) An educational institution that operates in the state and:
- 11       (i) provides an organized two (2) year or longer program of
- 12       collegiate grade directly creditable toward a baccalaureate
- 13       degree;
- 14       (ii) is either operated by the state or operated not-for-profit;
- 15       and
- 16       (iii) is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting
- 17       agency or by the commission on proprietary education.
- 18       (B) Ivy Tech State College.
- 19       (C) A hospital which operates a nursing diploma program
- 20       which is accredited by the Indiana state board of nursing.

- 1 (D) A postsecondary proprietary educational institution that  
 2 meets the following requirements:
- 3 (i) Is incorporated in Indiana, or is registered as a foreign  
 4 corporation doing business in Indiana.
  - 5 (ii) Is fully accredited by and is in good standing with the  
 6 commission on proprietary education.
  - 7 (iii) Is accredited by and is in good standing with a regional  
 8 or national accrediting agency.
  - 9 (iv) Offers a course of study that is at least eighteen (18)  
 10 consecutive months in duration (or an equivalent to be  
 11 determined by the commission on proprietary education) and  
 12 that leads to an associate or a baccalaureate degree  
 13 recognized by the commission on proprietary education.
  - 14 (v) Is certified to the commission by the commission on  
 15 proprietary education as meeting the requirements of this  
 16 clause.
- 17 (3) "Approved secondary school" means a public high school  
 18 located in the state and any school, located in or outside the state,  
 19 that in the judgment of the superintendent provides a course of  
 20 instruction at the secondary level and maintains standards of  
 21 instruction substantially equivalent to those of public high schools  
 22 located in the state.
- 23 **(4) "Caretaker relative" means a relative by blood or law who**  
 24 **lives with a minor and exercises parental responsibility, care,**  
 25 **and control over the minor in the absence of the minor's**  
 26 **parent.**
- 27 ~~(4)~~ (5) "Commission" means the state student assistance  
 28 commission established by this chapter.
- 29 ~~(5)~~ (6) "Commission on proprietary education" refers to the  
 30 Indiana commission on proprietary education established under  
 31 IC 20-1-19-2.
- 32 ~~(6)~~ (7) "Educational costs" means tuition and regularly assessed  
 33 fees.
- 34 ~~(7)~~ (8) "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of  
 35 an individual's status as an undergraduate student in an institution  
 36 of higher learning.
- 37 ~~(8)~~ (9) "Higher education award" means a monetary award.
- 38 ~~(9)~~ (10) "Postsecondary proprietary educational institution" has

the meaning set forth in IC 20-1-19-1.

~~(10)~~ **(11)** "Superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction."

Page 1, line 7, delete "resides" and insert **"on the date that eligibility is determined by the commission, has resided"**.

Page 1, line 7, delete "blood relative other than the" and insert **"caretaker relative for at least two (2) years."**

Page 1, delete line 8.

Page 1, line 12, delete "blood" and insert **"caretaker"**.

Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
**"SECTION 3. IC 20-12-21-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the following requirements:**

(1) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission.

(2) The applicant:

(A) has successfully completed the program of instruction at an approved secondary school;

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;

or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or

(C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, the applicant would be deterred from completing the applicant's education at the approved institution of higher learning that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant. **In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom section 5.6 of this chapter applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.**

(4) The applicant will use the award initially at that institution.

(5) If the student is already enrolled in an approved institution of

- 1 higher learning, the applicant must be a full-time student and be  
 2 making satisfactory progress, as determined by the commission,  
 3 toward a first baccalaureate degree.
- 4 (6) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational  
 5 objective or course of study and enrolls in:
- 6 (A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion  
 7 of that objective or course of study; or
- 8 (B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic  
 9 skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that  
 10 objective or continue in that course of study.
- 11 (b) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance  
 12 after the recipient has received an award for a total of eight (8)  
 13 semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary school education.
- 14 (c) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:
- 15 (1) attend an institution of higher learning; or  
 16 (2) receive an award;
- 17 in consecutive semesters or quarters. However, a recipient's eligibility  
 18 for an award does not extend more than ten (10) years after the date  
 19 that the initial award is granted."
- 20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
 (Reference is to SB 117 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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**Chairperson**